

ARGUMENTS/COMMENTS

Claims 1 through 3, 5, 6, 9, 14 and 59 through 66 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 through 3, 5, 6, 9, 14, 61 and 62 have been elected for examination. Claims 59, 60 and 63 through 66 have been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice as being directed to non-elected species.

The Office Action required an election of species I through III which were deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Species I is hereby elected for prosecution on the merits. Species I drawn to Figs. 11 through 17, is readable on claims 1 through 3, 5, 6, 9, 14, 61 and 62. Accordingly, claims 59, 60 and 63 through 66 have been withdrawn from consideration. Upon the allowance of the generic claim applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of the generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

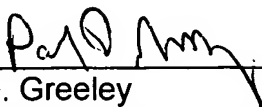
In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Consideration and allowance of application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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